

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF.

### Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Miss Florence Ormsby is here from Hale visiting relatives.

A. J. Linn is here from Corning, Iowa, looking after his farm south of town.

See those single and double driving harness that Messner is making a special low price on this month.

THE BLADE and the Daily Globe Democrat to rural route patrons at \$3.50 per year. This offer is good for a limited time only.

C. H. Gable bought a power corn sheller and took it out to his farm northwest of town this week. It will be operated by a gasoline engine.

Am rather overstocked on single and double driving harness. Special prices are being made to sell them out and make room for other goods. A. Messner.

A granitoid walk was put down in front of J. D. Bryant's business house yesterday. Other property owners along the block should join in and keep the good work going.

The farm residence of W. S. Goslin, north of Laclede, was removed to its new location near the main road last week. J. A. Shoup, of Meadville, did the work.

If you wish to buy, sell or exchange your farm or city property call and see me as I am still in the real estate business; also write fire insurance. Office in with O. F. Libby's law office. W. S. Savage.

A good sized crowd attended the Standly-Leech sale last Tuesday and things sold reasonably well. Mr. Leech will shortly move to town to reside until next spring when he will remove to North Dakota.

Mrs. C. L. Moulton, after a pleasant visit with friends here, returned to her home in Burlington, Iowa, Thursday. While here Mrs. Moulton had some dental work done by Dr. Fawcette with which she is more than pleased.

County Commissioner Sipple and the following teachers from here attended the teachers' association at Marceline this week: Misses Daisy Rankin, Cassie Heath, Nellie Barber, Jean Jardine and Rose Tripper and E. E. Toothaker.

On account of the establishment of rural free delivery, Walter Libby writes to have the address of his BLADE changed from Sedalia, Okla., to Cheyenne, Okla., route two. Mr. Libby says he and family are well and very busy taking care of their cotton crop.

J. C. Jackson, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wroe, of Laclede, who has been a conductor on the Burlington out of Sheridan, Wyoming, has resigned that position and bought the news stand and novelty store located in the post-office building at Sheridan.

Wilmer L. Welsh has just returned from Kansas City, where he purchased a Duroc Jersey prize winner, Sharon Wonder (40631), who won first prize at the Kansas state fair this fall, and weighed 650 pounds at 17 months old. Mr. Welsh is the largest breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs in this part of the state and purchased this high-priced hog to add to his extensive herd. Mr. Welsh has choice breeding stock for sale.

## Forker Items

P. Zeigler was in Forker Friday. J. A. Boomer was a Sumner visitor Thursday.

George Bemrose was a Forker visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Shore returned to her home in Luray Wednesday.

Mrs. Claire Thomas is visiting her sister at Brookfield.

Miss Vina Clough was a Brookfield visitor Wednesday.

M. F. Clay shipped a car of hogs from Forker Wednesday.

M. E. Bushnell shipped a car of hogs from Forker Friday.

Mrs. H. E. Foster made a business trip to Sumner Tuesday.

Mrs. A. T. Sullivan left for her home in Glendive, Montana, Thursday.

Miss Lilra Gibson is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. O. I. Fay.

Hopper & Waterson, of Sumner, loaded three cars of grain here Monday.

Rev. Scarborough filled his appointment here Sunday morning and evening.

H. E. Foster, who has spent the summer in Colorado, returned home yesterday.

E. K. Stuttsman is visiting at the home of his brother, C. T. Stuttsman.

Mrs. J. E. Test and daughter Gladys and Genevieve Facto were Sumner visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. W. S. Waggoner and daughters, of Meadville, visited at the home of E. W. Pease Thursday.

C. T. and E. K. Stuttsman, O. I. Fay, E. K. and Roy Welsh, G. O. Boomer and John Byrd attended the meeting of the Modern Woodmen in Laclede Wednesday night.

A hallowe'en party will be given by the girls of the Christian church at the home of M. F. Andrews October 31. Everyone, both old and young, is cordially invited. Refreshments will be served at 7:30.

## Locust Creek Items

The spelling school at the Locust Creek school Friday was well attended.

Mrs. W. A. Balcom and Mrs. W. W. Hoskins were in Brookfield Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Eichman is visiting Mrs. L. B. Standly in Laclede a few days this week.

Mrs. Gideon Wright and two children spent Wednesday with Mrs. E. J. Watson.

Mrs. Jane Lewis, mother of J. Q. Lewis, who has spent the summer here, returned to her home in Indiana Sunday.

The school had a recess Thursday and Friday while the teacher E. E. Toothaker attended the association at Marceline.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Balcom spent Sunday with I. H. Clough and wife near Forker. Mrs. Clough's health has been quite poor for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haney and Mr. and Mrs. Callahan and two children, of Marceline, and C. M. Warren and family and Scott Warren and mother, of near Meadville, spent Sunday with E. J. Watson and family.

The man who loses his temper is not always in the wrong, but, to the onlooker, he always appears to be wrong.

## LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

### Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Penetrating Pencil Pusher.

The public schools of this county took a vacation Thursday and Friday while the teachers attended the association at Marceline.

H. C. Carothers new residence in north part of town is nearing completion. It is going to be one of the prettiest homes in town.

We need a copy of THE BLADE of September 7, 1907, and will pay 10 cents to anyone bringing or sending a copy of that number to this office.

Attention is directed to the ad. of L. W. Rummell in THE BLADE today. Mr. Rummell has one of the largest stocks of clothing and footwear in the county and will be pleased to have people of this vicinity call on him when in Brookfield.

Train service on the Burlington has become a farce so far as time schedule is concerned. It used to be a subject of comment should a train be a few minutes late, so rare was such a thing. Now it is not only a subject of comment but of real astonishment when a mail train happens to come along on time.

Laclede lodge Knights and Ladies of Security at the last regular meeting installed the following officers, the Brookfield team having charge of the installation services: J. W. Haight, president; Miss Etta L. Dye, first vice-president; Mrs. Lucy Wood, second vice-president; Mrs. L. B. Haley, prelate; Miss Mary F. Dye, conductress; Mrs. Rosa Haight, secretary; H. H. Benjamin, financier; Tom K. Willard, sentinel; Oliver Dye, guard; Miss Anna Brooker, organist.

It is more fun to see a man read a puff on himself in a newspaper than to see a fat man slip on a banana peel. The narrow minded man reads it over seven or eight times, and then goes around to appropriate what copies he can. The kind hearted man goes around to the office and pays what he owes. The successful business man who advertises regularly and makes money by it, immediately starts out to find the editor and the two walk silently down the street and the business man takes sugar in his and they both eat a clove or two and life is sweeter and peace settles down on their hearts for moments. Such is the experience of a mustard seed that falls on different ground.

There are times when purse strings are tightened when there is a proposition of a public nature calling for contributions. Men will talk of their past contributions, of the failure of this and the other project, and will refuse to pay money for further plans which they say will not bring money to their pockets. There are some of these men to be found in every community, just as there are small potatoes in every hill. But when this condition becomes general, when men to whom the community has a right to look for a slight return for the benefit and the prosperity which they enjoyed, refuse thus to discharge one of their plainest duties and when the number of such men becomes so great as to threaten the success of movements in the public interest, that condition is an evidence of a species of dry rot which, if not speedily removed, will land the community in the commercial graveyard.

## Some Evening Reveries.

The secret longing of nearly all who are wanderers or whose abiding place is temporarily among strangers, is expressed in the words of that sweet song "Write me a letter from home." The one thing that the heart needs is a word from those around the old hearthstone. Especially is this so in the case of young men. No boy goes out from the home circle without a sense of loss. For a time, at least, the motherly presence is sadly missed, the sisterly affection warmly cherished. Then if the mother's letters reach him often, filled with all that a mother most eloquently expresses, love, hopefulness and prayer, he is still surrounded by a holy influence.

If the sister writes frequently, manifesting her pure affection in such ways as her heart naturally prompts, he can hardly run into sin. And if these home epistles come seldom, what then? The loss in the young man's life must be made up. He finds his leisure hours dull, and they must be enlivened. There is no call for long, heartfelt letters in return for similar ones. The evenings he might give to penning these, he spends in amusements of doubtful character. Wanting the tenderness of woman's love, it is not strange if he falls a victim to wicked wives. So he forsakes his better half and takes to his bosom pleasures that sting him to death. And ere long he becomes a thing for the mother and sister to weep over, and his promising young life fades out in darkness. A sad picture this of course. But it is only a sad picture of even sadder realities. There are hundreds of young men in every city, in the very lowest depths of degradation, whom the home influence, carefully and prayerfully extended through tender, affectionate, womanly letters, might have saved. There are hundreds of others, just taking their first lesson in vice, who may be brought back to purity by loving words from mothers, sisters or sweethearts. Until a man becomes thoroughly vicious, the thought of a pure woman's love will do much to restrain him from iniquity. If that love grows careless of him, he grows careless of himself. Think of this, you who have sons, brothers or lovers away among strangers. Remember that you owe them a sacred duty; and give them frequent missives from home, freighted with love and accompanied by earnest prayer.

There is no question that habitual cheerfulness is a great blessing. But when cheerful people are landed, let it be remembered, as a general thing, they are no more to be commended for it than a person with a pair of beautiful eyes. Cheerfulness is a matter of health and constitution. An invalid or a nervous person—a very sensitive person, easily affected by atmospheric and other influences—cannot be uniformly cheerful. He may do much toward endeavoring to be so, it is true, but it must be a thing of effort. Many people are cheerful because they are apathetic. The sorrows of others, not being our own, are easy to bear. We do not wish to deary this social sunshine; but let us not forget that there are very sweet flowers that flourish and give us perfume in the shade and at intervals.

Special prices on single and double driving harness at Messner's shop in Laclede.

## PRINCIPALLY ABOUT PEOPLE

### Local Items of a Personal Nature Briefly Expressed for Your Hasty Perusal

W. A. Chinn was in Chillicothe on business the first of the week.

The revival meeting at the Christian church closed last Tuesday night.

Circuit Clerk Wilson and Prosecuting Attorney Burns were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. William Fox, of Tina, was visiting in Laclede Saturday, guest of Mrs. J. E. Welsh.

R. T. Dye will hold a public sale at his place in west part of town next Thursday.

Mrs. F. F. Pratt and her mother, Mrs. John Hetrick, are visiting relatives in New York.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson and daughter, Mrs. Hobbs, were in Brookfield Wednesday.

H. C. Myers, of the Budget, was here from Brookfield Monday in the interest of his paper.

Dr. Fawcette and family returned home last Sunday from spending their vacation in Colorado.

Mrs. Lottie Moulton, of Burlington, is visiting Laclede friends, guest of Mrs. J. W. Lomax.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eccles have moved into their pretty new home just completed on Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson in Brookfield.

Mrs. C. H. Hetrick and children were visiting Mrs. J. S. Weatherly, south of town, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mahurin, of Brookfield, spent last Sunday in Laclede with J. Q. Aber and family.

Mrs. Lena Bowlby, of Carrollton, visited relatives here the past week, guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Savage.

Miss Leona Strickler, of Meadville, visited friends in Laclede this week, guest of Miss Laura Skulley.

Cashier Markham, of the Wheeler bank, was over from Brookfield Tuesday looking after his residence property here.

Drs. J. L. and F. W. Burke attended a meeting of the Linn county medical society at Meadville Tuesday evening.

T. J. Wood has made further substantial improvement in his residence property by putting in a granitoid walk this week.

Mesdames J. R. McEfee, H. C. Lomax and J. E. Welsh and children were guests of Mrs. G. W. Thompson at Sumner Tuesday.

Clarence Mayhew, who formerly lived here, now farming near Brunswick, was on the Laclede market this week with a load of potatoes and a load of onions.

Mrs. Allie Jasperson, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mize, has returned to her home at Tulsa, Ind. Ter.

Mrs. E. F. Brenner left Wednesday noon for Augusta, Ill., in response to word that her mother, who resides at that place, was seriously ill.

Mrs. S. J. Mahurin left Monday to join her husband at Elk City, Okla., near which place they will make their home on the farm recently purchased by them.